

INFORMATION REPORT - INFORMATION REPORT

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

This material contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, Title 18, U.S.C. Secs. 793 and 794, the transmission or revelation of which in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

S-E-C-R-E-T

25X1

COUNTRY	USSR	REPORT		25X1
SUBJECT	Soviet Listening to Foreign Radio Broadcasts	DATE DISTR.	7 December 1955	25X1
		NO. OF PAGES	3	
DATE OF INFO.		REQUIREMENT NO.	RD	25X1
PLACE ACQUIRED		REFERENCES		
DATE ACQUIRED		This is UNEVALUATED Information		25X1

SOURCE EVALUATIONS ARE DEFINITIVE. APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.

S-E-C-R-E-T

25X1

STATE	X	ARMY	X	NAVY	X	AIR	X	FBI		AEC		USIA	X
-------	---	------	---	------	---	-----	---	-----	--	-----	--	------	---

(Note: Washington distribution indicated by "X"; Field distribution)

INFORMATION REPORT - INFORMATION REPORT

SECRET

U.S.S.R.

25X1

Political.

Listening to Foreign Broadcasts.

25X1

Categories of Listeners.

25X1

3. [] it is common knowledge amongst many Soviet citizens that people listen in the U.S.S.R. to foreign broadcasts in Russian. Items of news heard in that way are frequently passed by word of mouth with the comment, "They say that.....", or "I heard on the radio that.....". Few people will of course admit to foreign listening, but often hint in general conversation that they do so.

25X1

SECRET

SECRET

- 2 -

4. [redacted] the number of persons who listen is limited largely to those who have small houses of their own where they know they will not be overheard by others. For this reason it is possible that most listeners are to be found in country districts, as it is chiefly there that accommodation consists of separate dwellings. In the cities people tend to live in large blocks of flats where, not only do more than one family frequently have to share the same flat or room, but also the new flats are frequently far from sound-proof. It is also necessary to have a powerful radio set. [redacted] the small 3/4 valve sets called, "RODINA", which cost 300-400 roubles and are the most common, are not likely to afford good reception of foreign broadcasts.

25X1

25X1

25X1

Broadcasts by Soviet Defectors.

7. [redacted] Radio Liberation broadcasts are more popular in the U.S.S.R. than either the B.B.C. or the V.O.A., chiefly because they include more talks by post-war Soviet defectors. It is probable that such defectors' accounts of the reasons leading up to their break with the U.S.S.R. have a particularly potent effect on listeners. This is especially the case when real names of persons and places are quoted, although in this connection [redacted] it may occasionally have an adverse effect insofar as defectors may thereby be thought to be recklessly involving their relatives still in the U.S.S.R. in political reprisals. [redacted] an account of defection for material reasons, i.e. easier and more comfortable living conditions can be obtained in the West, is more likely to be appreciated - especially by kolkhoz workers - than defection out of ideological motives.

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

SECRET

25X1

25X1